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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas KRAHN

Examiner: Monika B. Sheinberg

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Title: METHOD FOR FRACTIONATING DOUBLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACIDS IN SOLUTIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACIDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

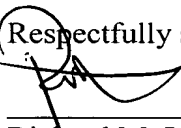
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a method of amplification.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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